

Affordable Health Insurance Is Now Here for Kids Who Need It

NEW! This year, a new nationwide health insurance program is beginning. Now, most families who work hard to make ends meet can get low-cost or free health insurance for their children.

Each State is developing its own Children's Health Insurance Program to make health care more affordable. In addition, Medicaid now provides free health coverage to most low-income children.

HEALTH INSURANCE MATTERS. Children with health insurance are more likely to:

- ◆ Be healthy as newborns,
- ◆ Receive needed immunizations as toddlers, and
- ◆ Get treatment for illnesses such as recurring ear infections and asthma.

Without treatment, these diseases can slow a child's learning and have lifelong consequences.

TOO MANY KIDS ARE UNINSURED. One out of every seven children in America is uninsured. This could be the child who plays with yours at school, the child next door, or your own child. Why?

- ◆ **Too expensive:** *Private insurance can cost families thousands that they cannot afford.*
- ◆ **Don't know about options:** Even though affordable health care is available to many working families, too few parents know about their options.

THESE CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP. *We encourage all concerned Americans to join this public-private campaign to insure American children. You can help. Please:*

- ◆ **Learn about your State programs.** All States have Medicaid programs for children and most States have begun their new Children's Health Insurance Programs. Find out who is eligible for assistance and how families can apply.
- ◆ **Educate others.** Tell friends, relatives, and parents you meet at work and all other working families whose children or grandchildren may be uninsured about these options.
- ✓ **Community efforts.** *There are many groups around the nation that are involved in children's health*

outreach. If you are interested, you may wish to contact one of these organizations for information and ideas on how you and your community can become more involved.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE NUMBERS ON THE BACK OF THIS FLYER

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WHERE YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION

To Get General Information about Medicaid and CHIP:	To Get Application & Eligibility Information:		
	STATE	MEDICAID	CHIP (where available)
FEDERAL CONTACTS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL <i>Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) - Lillian Gibbons - 410-786-8705 www.hcfa.gov/init/children.htm</i> <i>Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) - Marcia Brand - 301-443-4619, www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/childhealth</i> FEDERAL CONTACTS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL I. Boston Regional Office (CT,ME,MA,NH,RI,VT) <i>HCFA - Maureen Farley - 617-565-1248</i> <i>HRSA - Barbara Tausey - 617-565-1433</i> II. New York Regional Office (NJ,NY) <i>HCFA - Jane Salchli - 212-264-3125</i> <i>HRSA - Gilberto Cardona-Perez - 212-264-2566</i> III. Philadelphia Regional Office (DE,DC,MD,PA,VA,WV) <i>HCFA - Rosemary Feild - 215-861-4278</i> <i>HRSA - Frank Heron - 215-861-4407</i> IV. Atlanta Regional Office (AL,NC,SC,FL,GA,KY,MS,TN) <i>HCFA - Andriette Johnson - 404-562-7410</i> <i>HRSA - Dr. Ketty Gonzalez - 404-562-7980</i> V. Chicago Regional Office (IL,IN,MI,MN,OH,WI) <i>HCFA - Barbara England - 312-353-8720</i> <i>HRSA - Dorretta Parker - 312-353-4042</i> VI. Dallas Regional Office (AR,LA,NM,OK,TX) <i>HCFA - Art Pagan - 214-767-6278</i> <i>HRSA - Marianne Davenport - 214-767-3903</i> VII. Kansas City Regional Office (IA,KS,MO,NE) <i>HCFA - Nan Foster Reilly - 816-426-3406 x3305</i> <i>HRSA - Bradley Appelbaum - 816-426-5292</i> VIII. Denver Regional Office (CO,MT,ND,SD,UT,WY) <i>HCFA - Dee Raisl - 303-844-2121 x454</i> <i>HRSA - Joyce Borgmeyer - 303-844-5955</i> IX. San Francisco Regional Office (AZ,CA,HI,NV) <i>HCFA - Karen Fuller - 415-744-3600</i> <i>HRSA - Irma Honda - 415-437-8078</i> X. Seattle Regional Office (AK,ID,OR,WA) <i>HCFA - Liz Trias - 206-615-2400</i> <i>HRSA - Margaret West - 206-615-2518</i> OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION * <i>National Governors' Association (www.nga.org)</i> <i>National Conference of State Legislatures (www.stateserv.hpts.org)</i> <i>National Association of State Medicaid Directors(medicaid.apwa.org)</i> <i>Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (www.cbpp.org)</i> <i>Children's Defense Fund (www.childrensdefense.org)</i> <i>Families USA (www.familiesusa.org)</i> <i>National Academy of State Health Policy (www.nashp.org)</i> <i>Southern Institute on Children and Families (www.kidsouth.org)</i>	ALABAMA ALASKA ARIZONA ARKANSAS CALIFORNIA COLORADO CONNECTICUT DELAWARE D.C. FLORIDA GEORGIA HAWAII IDAHO ILLINOIS INDIANA IOWA KANSAS KENTUCKY LOUISIANA MAINE MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS MICHIGAN MINNESOTA MISSISSIPPI MISSOURI MONTANA NEBRASKA NEVADA NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW JERSEY NEW MEXICO NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA NORTH DAKOTA OHIO OKLAHOMA OREGON PENNSYLVANIA RHODE ISLAND SOUTH CAROLINA SOUTH DAKOTA TENNESSEE TEXAS UTAH VERMONT VIRGINIA WASHINGTON WEST VIRGINIA WISCONSIN WYOMING	1-800-362-1504 1-907-561-2171 1-800-334-5283 1-888-474-8275 1-888-747-1222 1-800-221-3943 1-800-284-8759 1-800-372-2022 1-202-727-0735 1-888-419-3456 1-800-282-4536 1-809-587-3521 1-800-926-2588 1-800-252-8635 1-800-433-0746 1-800-338-9154 1-800-766-9012 1-800-635-2570 1-504-342-5774 1-800-321-5557 1-800-332-6347 1-800-841-2900 1-800-642-3195 1-800-657-3739 1-800-421-2408 1-800-392-1261 1-800-362-8312 1-800-430-3244 1-800-992-0900 1-800-852-3345 1-800-676-6562 1-800-432-6217 1-800-662-7030 1-800-755-2604 1-800-324-8680 1-800-522-0310 1-800-943-9249 1-800-996-5437 1-800-964-6211 1-888-549-0820 1-605-773-6383 1-800-669-1851 1-800-448-3927 1-800-662-9651 1-800-250-8427 1-800-884-0730 1-800-562-3022 1-800-688-5810 1-800-362-3002 1-800-251-1269	1-800-654-1385 1-888-474-8275 1-888-747-1222 1-800-372-2022 1-800-926-2588 1-800-889-9949 1-800-369-2229 1-800-456-8900 1-800-909-8677 1-888-988-6300 1-800-657-3672 1-800-421-2408 1-800-852-3345 1-800-698-4543 1-800-662-7030 1-800-324-8680 1-800-987-7767 1-888-549-0820 1-800-669-1851 1-800-994-4769

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